

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Honorable Karen McCarthy, U.S. Representative of Missouri's 5th Congressional District, who has been selected Labor's Educational and Political Club Independent (LEPCI) 2003 Friend of the Year; and

Whereas, Congresswoman McCarthy was chosen to receive the LEPCI's highest award for her contributions to Organized Labor and her efforts in championing the goals of the Labor Movement; and

Whereas, for eighteen years Congresswoman McCarthy was a permanent fixture in the Missouri General Assembly, where she distinguished herself as a champion of workers' rights and honed her political skills that she brought with her to the United States Congress in 1994; and

Whereas, a firm believer that government has a responsibility to see that each individual has an opportunity, Congresswoman McCarthy was appointed to the Democratic Steering Committee after serving on the influential Commerce Committee during her first term in office; and

Whereas, a staunch Democrat who opposes Republican budget priorities and supports environmental protections, a woman's right to choose, and gun control, Congresswoman McCarthy has worked to raise the hourly minimum wage, provide Medicare benefits to military retirees and their dependents, impose steel import quotas, authorize grants to hire teachers and reduce class size, overhaul campaign finance laws, and approve a plan to increase the rights of patients in managed-care health plans; and

Whereas, a friend of Labor for more than twenty years who has always supported the needs of Organized Labor and all working men and women, Congresswoman McCarthy has received degrees from the University of Kansas and the University of Missouri-Kansas City:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, extend our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to Congresswoman McCarthy at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Honorable Karen McCarthy, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Sager, Dist. No. 48

Representative Jenée Lowe, Dist. No. 44

Representative Cathy Jolly, Dist. No. 45

Representative Terry Young, Dist. No. 49

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1451, adopted April 7, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker